

WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Kathy Conrad, RDH
Judy Morrison, RDH
Joella Pyatt, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Kirby Putscher, Deputy Director
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee held a conference call meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2005.

ITEMS ON AGENDA

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda of May 6, 2005 was approved as presented.

B. Approval of February 5, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of February 5, 2005 were approved as amended. Under Item 11. Other Open Session Business change Forks to Port Angeles.

2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

Staff provided an update to the committee on each of the following areas:

A. Budget and Renewal Fee Reduction

Ms. Brown reviewed the February and March Interim Operating Reports with the committee members. The committee was informed that the Dental Hygiene program is not overspent but the Division as a whole is having budget problems.

Ms. Brown informed the committee that as of July 1, 2005, the Dental Hygiene renewal fee will be \$15.00. The lower fees are intended to be kept in place for at least two years. If the revenue flow is insufficient, the fees could be raised again after one year, but no higher than the current fee without an additional profession by profession rules process. All Program Managers, Executive Directors, the Health Professions Quality Assurance Financial Manager and the Director will be monitoring the revenue and expenditures very closely.

After discussion, the committee stated that they would like to see the extra revenue go towards travel and trips to attend the national examination in order to observe how it is being administered.

B. Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics

The committee was presented an update of the licensing and disciplinary statistics for the period of February 2, 2005 to April 26, 2005.

C. Continuing Education Audits

The committee members were presented with an update regarding continuing education audits. Ms. Putscher informed the committee that the Division is currently working on a new process for the audits and there are a couple of options. One is to reduce the number of audits that are being conducted monthly and the other option is to perform an audit once a year versus monthly. The members will be updated at their next meeting.

D. 2005 Legislation

The committee was advised that there was no legislation that passed this session that affected the Dental Hygiene program. There were two dental bills that passed. One was on the Dental residency program and the other involved faculty licenses. Ms. Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, provided further information on the Dental residency bill and what will be involved with the implementation.

E. Applications for New Committee Members

The committee was informed that to date, staff has only received one application for the upcoming vacancy.

F. Pierce College Focus Site Survey at Port Angeles

The focus site survey at Port Angeles was postponed at this time. The Pierce College location in Port Angeles was not ready for a site visit.

G. Show Cause Process

The committee reviewed information on the Show Cause Process that is being tried as a pilot program for disciplinary cases/orders that are Secretary controlled programs. It was explained that this will be for new disciplinary orders only and will be used for major non-compliance cases. Ms. Putscher explained the background information on the non-compliance issues/cases.

3. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL EXAMINERS (AADE)

Ms. Adix presented the committee with an update on the issue of Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) members being a voting member of the AADE. Ms. Pyatt made a motion that the Attorney – Client Privilege be waived regarding Ms. Adix's memorandum so that it could be read to the public attending. The motion was not passed.

There was discussion around Washington State not being allowed to protect the public on dental hygiene issues. There is a concern that the national hygiene examinations and issues are not approved or voted on by a member of the DHEC. Rather they are being voted on and approved by a dentist member of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC).

3. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL EXAMINERS (AADE) - continued

A motion was made and unanimously passed asking program staff to research the AADE bylaws. This research would focus on what it would take to be able to have a DHEC member vote at the AADE annual and mid-year meetings. The information is to be provided to the member for review by June 15, 2005. This will also be added as a future agenda item.

4. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION (WSDHA) SURVEY PREPARED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

There was a discussion and update on the survey prepared by Gary Hart for the WSDHA. Staff was requested to contact Holly Andrilla (working with Dr. Hart) to request any information they have available that can be released. This will be added as a future agenda item.

5. NATIONAL EXAMINATION UPDATE

The committee was presented for their information and review a copy of an article from the April 2005 newsletter ACCESS that relates to the national examination. See attached newsletter article.

6. PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE IN OREGON

Per their request, the committee was given a copy of the rule changes relating to the practice of Dental Hygiene in Oregon State.

7. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) Annual Meeting, General Meeting and Steering Committee – Joella Pyatt, RDH

See attached report.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items will be added to a future agenda:

- National Examination Update

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - continued

- Information on Professional Background Information Services
- Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members
- Budget
- Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics
- Continuing Education Audits
- Applications for New Committee Member
- American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE)
- Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA) Survey Prepared by the University of Washington
- Nomination of New Representative to the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Directors
- Miscellaneous Reports
 - a. WREB Board of Directors and Western Conference – Kathy Conrad, RDH
 - b. WREB Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee – Judy Morrison, RDH

9. CONSENT AGENDA - CORRESPONDENCE

The following items and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business. Otherwise, there will be no discussion of these items.

There was no correspondence.

10. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For Discussion Only)

The Board/Commission/Committee workshop will be held on Friday, September 23rd in Kent at a location to be announced later. This workshop is for all Board/Commission/Committee members and not just the Chairs or Vice-Chairs.

CLOSED SESSION – UPON COMPLETION OF OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

11. REVIEW OF SURVEYS FOR SUBSTANTIVELY EQUIVALENT LICENSING STANDARDS

OPEN SESSION – UPON COMPLETION OF CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki L. Brown, Program Manager

Pete Fox, Chairperson, Public Member